

PATENT  
Customer No.: 22,852  
Attorney Docket No.: 08203.0005-04000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
John BUTLER et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3733  
Application No.: 10/665,395 ) Examiner: Ramana, Anuradha  
Filed: September 22, 2003 )  
For: WOUND RETRACTOR SYSTEM ) Confirmation No.: 4412

**Mail Stop - Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed October 18, 2007, the period for response being extended to February 19, 2008 (February 18<sup>th</sup> being a federal holiday) by the Petition requesting a one-month extension of time filed herewith, and the finality having been removed by the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, please amend the above-referenced application as provided below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this reply.

**Remarks** follow the claim amendments section of this reply.